

**SWOG
SAN JUAN
COUNTY**

Planning/update
meeting

Date: September 14th, 2004

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: San Juan County Commissioners room

Members Present:

Todd Black (USU CCES)
Guy Wallace (UDWR)
Tammy Wallace (BLM)
Sharon Ward (USU)
Kevin Dustin (WS)
Spencer Frost (Landowner)
Steve Madsen (BLM)
Leroy Mead (DWR)
Sue Bellagamba (TNC)
Dave Dahlgren (USU)

Information Presented

- Sharon gave update on research. One successful nest hatched June 2004. Unknown if chicks survived as hen's battery failed several weeks after she left nest. She was captured spring 2002. 3 hens and 6 males have functioning collars as of August 2004. Dogs were used mid August to attempt to flush broods. Only one bird was observed in Rorings CRP, possibly a chick. Habitat use for June, July and August has been CRP. Landowner dinner for tonight was cancelled per Terry's request due to lack of response from landowners. Dinner will be rescheduled in November or December.
- Dave Dahlgren introduced himself. A new PhD candidate who will be conducting chick survival over the next several years. Will combine research with Monticello and Parker mountain. Will initiate trapping efforts this fall to increase female sample size. Combine predator identification at nesting sites with cameras with brood survival research. Monticello will be getting another graduate student in addition to Dave.
- Todd introduced SOP for all Utah's working groups. SOP is a guideline and outlines working group

responsibilities. Please review document and then the group will discuss at the next SWOG meeting.

- Guy unable to attend rangewide meeting so Dean substituted. Rangewide Plan will be out shortly. Again, that plan provides guidelines. SWOG will need to evaluate our plan to determine if goals and objectives are similar. SWOG and Dove Creek should have separate plans. Approximately 50% of sagebrush seedling planting in fall 2003 survived.
- BLM—Tammy. BLM is looking at several different locations for improvement of sagebrush habitat, including Hart draw, East canyon, and upper East canyon. NEPA clearances required. Possibly springtime restoration to begin.
- Kevin (WS). Continue coyote control, time with other aerial flights. SWOG will determine in the future other predator management needed.
- Sue (TNC). Hines purchase on hold, want to continue to receive CRP payments. Several landowners' CRP field contracts expire in 2 years. Need to be on top of this when it occurs.

Actions Taken

- Terry M. is locating another grad student for the Monticello area to continue Gunnison sage-grouse project.
- Next SWOG meeting will be December 7th, 2004 at 1:00 pm, followed by a landowner dinner at 6:00 pm. Location for dinner at Lamplight Restaurant.

Follow-up Needed

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- Please review the SOP document and SWOG will discuss SOP at next SWOG meeting.